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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 21]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets       ]
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  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

Attorney Docket No.	2005.18
First Inventor	Todd Ames
Title	See 1 in Addendum
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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1499  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
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## Addendum

### 1. METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING AN ABSORBENT COMPOSITE

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

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1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee			
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee			
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee			
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee			
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
15	-20** = 0	0	x 0	0
2	- 3** = 0	0	x 0	0

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification			
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month			
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month			
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month			
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month			
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month			
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal			
1402 320	2402 160	Filing brief in support of an appeal			
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing			
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional			
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1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee			
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
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1809 750	2809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))			
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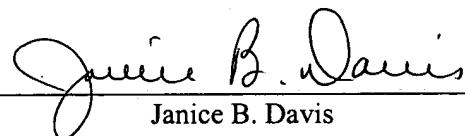
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